

Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux, and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants #0446 in the amount of \$25,505,303.13 and #0448 in the amount of \$1,025,324.95, #0445 in the amount of \$1,449,344.51 and #0447 in the amount of \$298,559.61.
2. Approve Minutes of December 1, 2003. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
3. Announcements – A movie was viewed in memory of Irving James Donahue and his many contributions to the Shrewsbury Community. This was created by W.P.I. Mr. Fiore mentioned the great contributions Mr. Donahue gave to the Community and how the community as a whole has suffered a great loss. Mr. Lebeaux reminded everyone that the Light Dept. is sponsoring the Share the Warmth Program. Residents may make contributions to help others in need with funding for heat and hot water during the winter months and the Santa's Toy Chest campaign. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Light Dept. offices Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm until December 16th. Distribution is through St. Anne's. The Council on Aging is sponsoring a blood drive December 23, 2003 from 2-8pm.
4. Town Manager's Report – Nothing to add.

Meetings

5. 7:45pm – Town Common – discussion with representatives of First Congregational Church. Selectmen held discussion with representative of the Congregational Church. All agreed that the town common should not be used for non-community based occasions while the 2003-2004 Common improvements are underway. Currently events at the common conflict with the church events such as funerals/weddings which result in problems with parking. It was agreed that a policy needs to be established concerning its use. The Town Manager will create a draft policy concerning use of the common and forward to the Church for review.

Hearings:

6. 7:00pm – Tax Classification Hearing – Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed for the Board to approve the tax certification as presented and to sign the LA-5 Department of Revenue Classification Tax Allocation Form.
7. 7:05pm – Dunkin' Donuts, George Cadette owner, 32-36 Maple Avenue, Common Victualler's License. Hours of Operation: Sunday-Saturday 5:00am to 11:00pm. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the license with the hours presented. Mr. Cadette will surrender his current license at the Mobile station when the new building is ready for occupancy sometime. He will then pick up the new license for 32-36 Maple Avenue.
8. 7:30pm – RED Associates, LLC d/b/a Moe's Southwest Grill, 61 Boston Turnpike, Ryan P. Rouleau, Manager, Common Victualler's License. Hours of operation: Sunday-Saturday 11:00am to 10:00pm. The Police and Board had concerns with traffic flow out of the parking lot onto North Quinsigamond. The possibility of a right hand only sign was discussed however it was decided to wait until the reconstruction of that intersection was completed. The Board unanimously voted to approve this license as presented with the hours of operation Sunday-Saturday 11:00am to 10:00pm and as approved and presented to the Planning Board and Highway as long as the Handicapped requirements were met concerning slope and parking areas/signage.

Old Business:

9. Regional Lockup. Board discussed and had reservations to support this without knowing the cost to the Town. Mr. Morgado will research this and get back to the Board.
10. Discussion of Shrewsbury Development Corp. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the process as presented in the memo of 11/7/03 to the Board.
11. Report from Town Eng. Jack Perreault – Street Lights Emerson Circle. This was reviewed and the lights are scheduled to be installed.

New Business:

12. Town Clerk discussion – Mr. Lebeaux presented some history to the Board and recommended changing the system to the appointment of a Town Clerk rather than the election of a town clerk. He said an appointed Town Clerk would be in keeping with the model of having full-time town administrator appointed to their positions among many other reasons. The Board agreed with Mr. Lebeaux's suggestion to schedule a public discussion on the subject this winter before the warrant is set for the Annual Town Meeting.

Executive Session:

13. Value of real property and pending litigation. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to go into executive session at 9:05pm for the purpose of discussing pending litigation not to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote was taken, Mr. DePalo, yes, Mr. Hammond, yes, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. Lebeaux, yes and Mr. Fiore, yes.

Communications:

14. Noted Copy mailed: Letter and brochure from Sheriff Flynn re Community Service Program. (brochure on file in BOS office)
15. Noted Copy mailed: Memo from Tom Josie re Electric Rate Competitiveness.
16. Noted Copy mailed: Dept. of Revenue Bulletin 2003-21B, Tax Classification & FY04 Tax Bills.
17. Noted Copy mailed: Survey from MMA re Annual Municipal Census.
18. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from Jeffrey Black re purchase of Town-owned land. Board asked that the Town Manager forward to BOH, Engineering, Parks and Highway for their comments.
19. Noted Copy mailed: School Committee Agenda, 12/10/03.
20. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from Randall Dean re Selectmen-Town Manager Act celebration.
21. Noted Copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 9/30/03, Paul Valente, 1-3 Temple Court.
22. Noted Copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 10/28/03, Andrew Iovanni, 53 Elm Street.
23. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from Atty. Melvyn Glickman re 61-63 Boston Turnpike.
24. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from Frederick Abasciano re additional time to dig on Baker Avenue. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to deny this request because of the uncertainty of the winter weather and deadline of December 1, 2003 road openings.
25. Noted Copy mailed: E-mail from Len Hutchinson, Alberta, Canada, re Collecting Pins.
26. Noted Copy mailed: MMA Legislative Bulletin, 12/5/03, vol. 10:3. Mr. Fiore asked that questions be forwarded to the Board for their review before the Annual Trade Mtg.
27. Noted Copy mailed: Memo from Mass. Dept. of Revenue re Notification of Preliminary Certification.
28. Noted Copy mailed: Waterways License Application for Police Boathouse.
29. Noted Copy mailed: Notice from National Grid re NEPCO scheduled Vegetation Management Treatments on rights-of-way. (Yearly Operational Plan Environmental Monitor Notice on file in BOS Office)
30. Noted Copy mailed: Public Notification from Response Environmental, Inc. re #2 Fuel Release 42 Robertson Drive.
31. Noted Copy mailed: Request from Jeff Deutch, North Street, to open street. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to deny this request because of the uncertainty of the winter weather and deadline of December 1, 2003 road openings.
32. Noted Copy mailed: Memo from ABCC re Sunday Sales By Holders Of Licenses Under G.L.C. 138, 15 On An Annual Basis Pursuant To Chapter 1414 of the Acts of 2003, *An Act Relative To Investments In Emerging Technologies To Promote Job Creation, Economic Stability And*

Competitiveness In The Massachusetts Economy. Board will entertain requests from licensees as they have interests.

33. Noted Copy mailed: CMRPC's 2003 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). (Book on file in BOS Office)
34. Noted Copy mailed: Westborough Treatment Plant Board Meeting Minutes, 11/12/03.
35. Noted Copy mailed: Snow Storm Report from Highway Superintendent.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn from executive session at 9:45pm A roll call vote was taken Mr. Hammond, yes, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. Lebeaux, yes, and Mr. Fiore, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Brady
Secretary